

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of preparing to cool, comprising: extending a needle within confines of an infusion sleeve that is hollow and projecting a tip of the needle outwardly beyond a distal end of the infusion sleeve, defining a passage between an interior surface of the infusion sleeve and an exterior surface of the needle, terminating the infusion sleeve at the distal end by peak and valley formations, arranging the valley formations closer to a proximal end of the infusion sleeve than are the peak formations, and abutting an exterior of an incision with the peak formations of the infusion sleeve so that flowing fluid through the passage to the distal end of ~~he~~ the infusion sleeve and away from the proximal end results in the fluid thereafter flowing across the valley formations, the needle defining an interior channel, and the infusion sleeve being elongated between the proximal and distal ends and being made of a flexible material that is collapsible and expandable axially as the needle is repetitively partially withdrawn and advanced.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 11, further comprising providing the distal end of the infusion sleeve with serrations or scallops to form the peak and valley formations.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 12, further comprising preventing an impediment to the flow of the fluid with the serrations or scallops at the distal end of the infusion sleeve.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 11, further comprising creating suction through the needle while the fluid flows to cool the needle.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 11, wherein configuring the infusion source to be in fluid communication with the passage and arranging a source of suction in fluid communication with the interior channel of the needle.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 11, wherein the fluid flow is across the valley formations but without flowing across the peak formations because of the abutting.